

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 856**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Bradley H. Jones, Jr.***

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act expanding protections against incest.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/19/2017</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>3/14/2018</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>3/14/2018</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	<i>3/14/2018</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>	<i>3/14/2018</i>
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	<i>3/14/2018</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>3/14/2018</i>
<i>Geoff Diehl</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>	<i>3/14/2018</i>
<i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i>	<i>3rd Hampden</i>	<i>3/14/2018</i>
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>3/14/2018</i>

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 856) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to the crime of incest. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1396 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act expanding protections against incest.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. Section 17 of chapter 272 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “consanguinity”, in line 1, the  
3 following words:— , affinity or adoption.

4           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect immediately upon its passage.